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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE TEXT OF EDITORIAL  
IN MARCH 16 ISSUE OF KMT-OWNED CHUNG HUA JIH PAO ON SINO-  
AMERICAN RELATIONS:

2. THE U.S. SENATE HAS AGREED TO THE NOMINATION OF LEONARD  
UNGER AS THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.  
PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WILL COME  
TO TAIPEI IN MID-APRIL.

3. WHILE WELCOMING THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR UNGER, WE  
BELIEVE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED.

4. THE FOUNDING SPIRIT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
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REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS THE SAME AND THE LONG-TIME

ADVANTAGES ARE ALSO CONSISTENT. DESPITE THE FACT THAT U.S. DIPLOMATIC EXPEDIENCY HAS DONE SOME HARM TO OUR COUNTRY, CASTING A SHADOW OVER THE INTER-STATE RELATIONS, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONTINUED TO STAND FIRM ON THE SIDE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, FIGHTING FOR THE RECOVERY OF OUR MAINLAND.

5. WE ARE ALSO FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT DEMOCRACY WILL EVENTUALLY PREVAIL.

6. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS STEADFAST STAND AND THIS CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OVERCOMING OUR DIFFICULTIES BY RELYING ON OURSELVES WITH INVIGORATION AND DIGNITY AND THUS HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS.

7. THIS IS THE FOUNDATION LAID FOR THE STEADINESS AND CLARIFICATION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

8. AFTER KISSINGER'S SIXTH VISIT TO PEIPING IN HIS NEW CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE, RUMORS HAD IT THAT NORMALIZATION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RED CHINA WOULD BE REALIZED. ADDED TO THE FACT THAT AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY HAS REACHED RETIREMENT AGE, THE U.S. TRADE CENTER TO BE SET UP FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRADE BETWEEN THE ROC AND THE U.S. WAS CONSIDERED AS ANOTHER UNFAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT TO SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

9. IT WAS NOT UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, 1974 WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON NOMINATED FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND LEONARD UNGER TO BE THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO THIS COUNTRY THAT THE WHOLE SITUATION WAS CLARIFIED.

10. NOW THAT THE NOMINATION HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY AGREED UPON BY THE U.S. SENATE AND THE U.S. TRADE CENTER IS GOING TO BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED ON MARCH 18, 1974 WITH DEPUTY COMMERCE SECRETARY TABOR SPONSORING THE INAUGURATION. THIS IS AMPLE PROOF THAT THE DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE U.S. HAVE BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED.  
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11. WE HAVE NOTED THE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY HAS MADE WITH OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR PEOPLE DURING THE PAST EIGHT YEARS. WHEN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS DROPPED TO THEIR LOWEST EBB IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE US DESPITE OUR DIPLOMATIC SETBACKS AND HAS FREQUENTLY AVAILED HIMSELF OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO URGE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN

TO STRENGTHEN THEIR INVESTMENTS IN OUR COUNTRY AND EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS WITH US.

12. THE CURRENTLY STRENGTHENED REALTIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE US\$3,000 MILLION TWO-WAY TRADE VOLUME BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN ALL BE ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY. WE HEREBY OFFER OUR ADMIRATION AND COMPLIMENTS AT THE TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE.

13. THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR WAS AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND FOR YEARS AND HAS A PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC SITUATION.

14. TESTIFYING IN THE U.S. SENATE, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE UNGER SAID THAT THE U.S. WILL ABIDE BY ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA UNTIL THE COMPLETE SOLUTION OF THE TENSE SITUATION IN THAT AREA.

15. THE CURRENT POWER STRUGGLE IN RED CHINA HAS CHANGED THE COMMUNIST SMILING CAMPAIGN. ITS CRUEL FACE, WHICH HAS REAPPEARED, WILL AGGRAVATE THE TENSION AND CRISIS IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AREA.

16. THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA OCCUPIES A KEY POSITION IN THE STABILIZATION OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC AREA. AND THE SOLIDIFICATION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL HAVE A GREAT BEARING ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE PEACE OF ASIA AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

17. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AFTER SOME MINOR CHANGES, THE LONG FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ROC AND THE U.S. WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. WE HEREBY EXTEND OUR WARM  
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WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE UNGER, WHO HAS SHOULDERED THIS NEW MISSION.  
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